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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-11, with traverse for continued examination. Applicants submit that no undue burden is placed on the office in searching the compositions and their methods of use/making beyond that incurred by searching one or the other separately.

Nonetheless, in order to fully respond, Applicants also elect the species of formula (I) wherein A = Boc, B = hydrogen, G = OH, M is absent, Q = 4,5-di-thiophenyltriazol-2-yl, and j = n = s = 1.

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